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NEW ADS. THIS WEEK.

Home Wanted.
Tenement to Rent.
Annual Town Meeting.
At the Time—Walker's.
Special Village Meeting.
N. B. Mutual Life Ins. Co.
License to Sell Real Estate.
Spring Styles—J. A. Moore.
Hard Times—T. C. Spencer.
Brennan's Star Theatre Co.
Special Sales—Fairbanks & Co.
The Planets—Y. M. C. A. Lecture.
Four Kinds of Bread—L. F. Gaskill.
Marked Down Sale—C. P. Carpenter.
Clothing Way Down—E. D. Steele & Co.
Plymouth Rock Eggs—Mrs. J. R. Miller.
Conn. Mutual Life Ins. Co.—W. W. Sprague.

Weather Record.

At Bingham's Drug Store, for the week ending February 20, 1894:

	Highest.	Lowest.
Wednesday	15	-18
Thursday	22	-2
Friday	11	10
Saturday	19	-33
Sunday	41	19
Monday	40	-2
Tuesday	28	15

—Dash indicates below zero.

NEWS ABOUT HOME.

—Albert Blake has bought a house of Warren Estabrooks in Paddock village and taken possession. Consideration \$850.

—All persons desiring to be vaccinated, who are unable to pay for the same, will be vaccinated by the health officers free of charge.

—The South church Endeavor society will give a reception to the Endeavors of the North church this evening. George and Lady Washington will receive.

—The annual meeting of the Board of Trade was adjourned from Friday, Feb. 16, to Monday evening, March 5. This is the night for the regular monthly meeting of this organization.

—The underwriters of Vermont have organized under the name of the Vermont Fire Underwriters Association. H. H. McFarland of Hyde Park is president of the association and Pearl F. Blodgett, treasurer.

—C. E. Moore drove a jolly party of 15 to Lyndonville Friday night in his new barge "Moonlight." The crowd were invited by Misses Myrtie and Ina Clark, who entertained them at their home in Lyndonville.

—The ladies of the Railroad street Baptist church were interfered with in the serving of their antiquarian supper last Thursday evening, by the severe storm, but cleared nearly \$20 therefrom. The meal was a substantial one and well served.

—"The Young Man in Business" is the title of a little pamphlet by Edward W. Bok, editor of the Ladies' Home Journal. Young men can afford to read it. Send ten cents to The Curtis Publishing Co., Philadelphia, and get a copy.

—Five persons from St. Johnsbury went to Lunenburg station on Friday last, with a view to attending the district Sunday school meeting at the village. The roads were so blocked by the storm, however, that the meeting was given up.

—The fire department is soon to have its efficiency increased by the purchase of a new hook and ladder truck as recommended by Chief Underwood in his last report. The chief and Mr. Cheney are now in Boston looking up the best machine.

—J. M. Gilmore's Ferris wheel is the most novel advertising scheme that has been seen in St. Johnsbury for a long time. It is about seven feet high and is turned by electricity. Loaded with shoes, the whole device reflects great credit on this enterprising shoe dealer.

—A party of twenty St. Johnsbury people drove out to Danville on Tuesday night in H. E. Moore's big barge, with six horses, and took supper at the Elm House. Landlord Gammell did the honors in fine shape and the company had a good time, returning soon after midnight.

—President Angell of the American Humane Education Society has issued a pamphlet of autobiographical sketches and personal recollections, which can be had at the society's office in Boston, by sending ten cents. Many interesting and touching things about the society's grand work are told in a readable way.

—President Hazen and Cashier Allen of the Merchants Bank start for Albuquerque next week, having been summoned as witnesses in the trial of S. M. Folsom which is set for March 5. Mr. Folsom has been indicted for certain transactions that

preceded the closing of the Albuquerque banks and the case will now be tried.

—Boston papers confirm the report that General Manager Mackinnon of the Concord & Montreal road will cease his connection with that road and enter the service of the Boston & Maine road immediately. The latter system has been greatly strengthened by securing such able men as President Tuttle and General Manager Mackinnon.

—The monthly meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union for February will be held next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in Y. M. C. A. Hall. Mrs. Ida H. Reed, state president of the W. C. T. U., is expected to be present and will address the ladies. It is hoped that a large number will be present to meet Mrs. Reed, not only members of the Union, but all interested in the work of the Union.

NO TRUTH IN IT.

A story has been circulated about town to the effect that Mr. Sulloway does not intend to take the office of overseer of the poor, if elected. We are authorized to state that there is no truth in this rumor. Mr. Sulloway states that he will accept the office if elected, and has no idea of declining.

If anybody has been misled by the above story, this ought to undeceive him, and Mr. Sulloway should be—as we believe he will be—elected by a majority even bigger than that indicated by the emphatic action of the caucus.

AT THE EAST VILLAGE.

On Monday evening at the Congregational church the citizens of the village and vicinity were highly favored in the opportunity of listening to Col. Franklin Fairbanks' graphic and instructive description of his recent trip to Cairo and the Pyramids. The lecturer took his audience to a few of the more famous Italian cities, thence up the Nile to the land of the Sphinx. The lecture was finely illustrated with stereopticon views, many of them from the speaker's own kodak. The upper audience room of the church was filled by a most attentive and interested audience, and the occasion will long be remembered. The evening was a rare winter's evening and seemed to conspire with the kindly purpose of the lecturer to give unto others without price of the pleasure which he had received.

The people of this place and vicinity are preparing to give the old time "District School," the entertainment being given to raise money for repairing the church. The date is not decided, but will be sometime next week, of which further notice will be given.

An old-growth pine tree on the McGinnis farm was recently cut for shingle. It measured at the butt 3 feet 4 inches. Allowing one grain for each year's growth, it was 86 years old. It made 12,000 shingles, which will readily sell for \$42.

The Danville cornet band will give a promenade at the school house hall, Saturday evening, Feb. 24th. All are invited.

ST. JOHNSBURY CENTER.

At the Universalist entertainment at the grange hall this (Thursday) evening there will be music by the St. Johnsbury Blue Ribbon orchestra, promenading, grab bag, sale of quilt and other articles left over from the December sale. Refreshments will be served. Admittance 15 cents.

The "Old Folks' Concert," of which mention was made in last week's CALEDONIAN, will be given on Thursday evening, March 1st, E. O. Finel, director. A full house is hoped for.

D. E. Harriman, Jr., has finished his school in Danville and is at home through the vacation.

A. B. Pringle has returned to his business as gardener on the farm recently sold by R. W. Laird.

Mrs. Ida H. Reed of Shelburne, the W. C. T. U. state president, will lecture in the M. E. church on Wednesday evening, Feb. 28, at half past seven. The county president, Mrs. J. H. Drew, is also expected to be present. All are cordially invited. A collection will be taken at the close of the lecture.

The senior division of the Loyal Temperance Legion is invited to meet with Miss Ethel Pierce next Friday evening. The members and friends who are invited are requested to be at Mr. Butler's at a quarter before seven o'clock, promptly, where teams will be ready in waiting.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Francis Switzer has gone to care for Mrs. Smith, the former matron at Lyndon Institute.

J. D. Bates has accepted a position on the Sioux City, Ia., Journal and leaves for his Western home next week.

Carl C. Fletcher, who has been temporarily on the Burlington Free Press, has accepted a position on the St. Albans Messenger.

The aged mother of J. C. Gray of Spring street is dangerously ill with pneumonia. At last accounts her recovery was not expected.

Good news has been received from Rev. James Gray and family. They reached Cape Town Dec. 24 and their home in Pretoria, Transvaal, just before New Years. They had an unpleasant ocean voyage, owing to the extreme heat, but all the family are well.

W. P. Stafford, Esq., is to deliver a lecture in the University course at Burlington on Friday evening of next week. Mr. Stafford substitutes on this occasion for Hon. H. H. Powers, and his topic will be the law. It goes without saying that the lecture will be a fine one.

Mrs. Laurette Bingham was at Hartland last week in attendance on the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gates, formerly of Peacham. This interesting event took place on Thursday, and some thirty persons sat down to a fine dinner. The occasion was a notable and enjoyable one, and many Caledonia county friends of the venerable couple will extend congratulations.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Bishop Hall of Burlington will pay his first visit to St. Andrew's church next Sunday. The services for the day are as follows: 8 a. m., celebration of holy communion; 10.30 a. m., preaching service with confirmation; 5 p. m., preaching service. The people will give the newly-chosen bishop a most cordial welcome.

Rev. John Barstow of Glastonbury, Conn., preached most acceptably at the North church last Sunday and was warmly greeted by his old friends during his short stay in town. Rev. J. W. Lees of Bradford will preach next Sunday at this church.

There will be services held at the Church of the Messiah next Sunday morning at the usual hour. A further announcement in regard to services at this church will be made next week.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Rev. John Barstow of Glastonbury, Conn., gave an effective talk to a large audience of men at the association hall on Saturday afternoon, explaining the definition of a Christian as "one who has promised to help God help his fellowmen."

In response to an invitation from the Y. M. C. A., Bishop Hall has consented to address the men's meeting Sunday afternoon. This will be held at 8.30 o'clock in Music Hall and will be a service of great power. Every man in town should plan to be present. Dr. Hall is a powerful speaker, a man of broad sympathies, and large ideas. Of him the "Outlook" says in part: "The long service of the bishop-elect in Boston, the fact that he was a member of the Cowley Fathers, that he had been summoned home to England because of his friendship for Bishop Brooks, and the unusual step of an American diocese calling an Englishman for bishop, all contribute to give special prominence to the occasion."

Four teams of the men and boys in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium will play a tournament of basketball in the Opera House today, Washington's birthday, at 3 p. m. These games are to develop the best men to maintain St. Johnsbury's honor in playing this new and profitable game.

EXPENSIVE TROUT.

A few days ago Commissioner Titcomb received word from one of the fish and game wardens that two men, Degamo, and McGowan by name, had been caught taking trout from Lake Dunmore. As it was decided in violation of the statute protecting lake trout, Mr. Titcomb personally followed up the case, with the result that the fishermen were fined \$30 and costs apiece, aggregating about \$47 each. This is rather expensive fishing, but the influence of this fine will no doubt prove wholesome in preventing other offences of the same sort.

THE CONTEST ENDED.

Postmaster Randall Withdraws and a Caucus of Democratic Patrons of the Office to Be Held to Name his Successor.

A private dispatch from Washington received here Saturday night brought the intelligence that Mr. Randall had surrendered and therefore no hearing would be held the following Tuesday over his confirmation. Advice to the other side from Col. Smalley, who was also in Washington, confirmed the announcement and the news spread over town very rapidly.

THE FACTS IN THE CASE.

In a former issue the CALEDONIAN stated that it would keep its readers posted upon the acts in this interesting case, and in what follows as to the causes that led up to the surrender of Mr. Randall we shall make use of facts which cannot be disputed.

Both sides were prepared for a final hearing of the case on Tuesday, Feb. 20, before the senate committee on post offices, of which Senator Colquitt of Georgia is chairman. Inspector Parkham's report and all the affidavits and Senator Proctor's letter, which it is claimed was opened in St. Johnsbury, had been found and were in the committee's hands. The committee also had two petitions from the office, one expressing a lack of confidence in Mr. Randall and protesting against his confirmation, and the other asking that he be immediately confirmed.

This was the condition of affairs when Col. Bradley B. Smalley, the democratic shiek of Vermont, arrived in Washington last week. Col. Smalley looked the ground over carefully and the latter part of last week notified Mr. Randall that he could never be confirmed and advised him to surrender. Mr. Randall took his advice and stepped down and out.

The result was not brought about by "senatorial courtesy," for the matter had never come up in the senate. Nor had any of the members of the committee on post offices been "fixed," as the senate committee had held no hearing. The St. Johnsbury Republican stated last week that "the charges against Mr. Randall had been proved to be groundless and had been abandoned." This is a mistake, as the committee had not heard the case at all, but would have had all the evidence and the charges presented to them at the final hearing. The senate committee had not reached the letter-opening case at all, unless they had individually read Inspector Parkham's report, and the affidavits attached thereto. But the senate committee were so impressed with the strength of the protest against Mr. Randall's confirmation, and the signatures of so many prominent business patrons of both parties, that Col. Smalley found out that the hearing would have but one result, and so notified Mr. Randall.

Col. Smalley now favors a caucus of the democratic patrons of the office to name Mr. Randall's successor. Several names have been suggested, among which are H. C. Bond, W. B. Eastman, George W. Cree and Fred H. Potts. Major Bowman has a lot of friends who would like to see him secure the office, but he has withdrawn from the contest. The names mentioned above are those the CALEDONIAN has heard on the street. Any one of them would make a good postmaster and whoever is chosen at the caucus will be immediately confirmed.

COMMENTS ON THE CASE.

The result of this contest is naturally gratifying to the CALEDONIAN because it never believed that it was right to remove Mr. Sprague before his term expired. In its issue of June 29 the CALEDONIAN said:

The undue haste to secure Mr. Sprague's removal has created a feeling of indignation which is not confined to the republicans, but is shared by a good many of our leading democrats who believe in fair play on either side. Republicans readily recall that Major Bowman was allowed more than four years in the office, and had naturally expected that the same courtesy would have been extended the republican postmaster. The business men of St. Johnsbury and not the politicians should have decided the matter, and at the proper time they would have undoubtedly recommended the appointment of Mr. Randall.

The history of the last six months is a complete vindication of the CALEDONIAN's position. The CALEDONIAN laid great stress

on the business men's protest, a fact which nettled our contemporaries, the Union, the Argus and the Republican and the Hardwick Gazette. Their attempts to belittle this petition were futile. As the CALEDONIAN said at the time, "it was the most remarkable petition ever sent out of this town and clearly expressed the sentiment of a large majority of the business patrons of the office."

The comments of our contemporaries upon the various phases of this case ought to be published together as a contribution to the comic literature of the day. It would be a richer compendium than any comic almanac ever published.

THE TOWN CAUCUS.

A Largely Attended Gathering.

The town caucus last Saturday was the largest attended of any similar gathering ever held in the Town Hall. Nearly 400 voters were present.

The call was read by Chairman Daniel Carpenter and Henry C. Bates was chosen chairman of the caucus, and Henry H. Carr clerk. The following ticket was nominated: Moderator, Alex. Dunnett. Clerk, Elijah D. Blodgett. Selectmen, Daniel Carpenter, L. B. Hartshorn, Charles Cobb. Treasurer, E. D. Blodgett. Overseer, Lorenzo Salloway. Constable and collector, Avery D. Pike. Listers, Delos M. Bacon, Crawford Ranney, L. B. Heald.

Auditors, George W. Cree, John C. Clark, Josiah B. Gage. Trustee of public money, E. D. Blodgett. Town school director for three years, Harvin Paddock. Agent to defend town suits, H. C. Bates. Road commissioner, William Higgins. Inspector of leather, H. F. Griswold. Fence viewers, to be named by selectmen.

Town grand jurors, Emerson Hall, W. S. Boynton, Lambert Packard. Surveyors of wood and lumber, L. D. Stiles, Joseph Webster, William Wetherbee, Sias Randall, A. L. Bragg, Daniel Carpenter, W. P. Stafford, Daniel Streeter, Alex. Dunnett.

The first ballot taken was on first selectman. Daniel Carpenter and William E. Peck were named and Mr. Carpenter received 215 votes and Mr. Peck 130. For second selectman, L. B. Hartshorn and Charles Cobb were named. A ballot was taken and Mr. Hartshorn received 199 votes and Mr. Cobb 112. For third selectman Charles Cobb and Simeon K. Huse were named. Mr. Cobb received 225 votes and Mr. Huse 63.

The contest for overseer of the poor came next and proved an easy victory for Mr. Salloway, who received 293 votes to 102 for Sias Randall, the present incumbent.

For first lister Col. T. C. Fletcher named Delos M. Bacon and moved he be nominated by acclamation.

The ticket nominated at the caucus contains the old board of selectmen and listers and the same school director and road commissioner. A strong man has been named for overseer of the poor and he will be handsomely elected at the town meeting.

AN IMPORTANT MATTER.

In another column will be found an abstract of the trustees' special report on the water problem, including the proposition made by the St. Johnsbury Aqueduct Company. The taxpayers will be called upon March 5 to decide this matter, and the report of the trustees, which, by the way, appears in full in pamphlet form, should be carefully read, with a view to intelligent action at the special meeting.

The trustees have, after thorough investigation and study of this vexing problem, concluded that the field is too small for a dual system of waterworks. The proposition made to them seems to open the way for a satisfactory solution of the question, and they recommend its acceptance by the village. One thing is certain: St. Johnsbury must have a complete and reliable supply of water. This is promised in the Aqueduct Company's plan, which we believe is entitled to public endorsement.

MUSICAL MENTION.

The comic opera, "Doctor of Alcantara," is to be given at Bradford soon, under the direction of H. H. May of St. Johnsbury. Bradford's talent are to be assisted on this occasion by Miss Alice Brown, who made such a success of the role of "Inez" when the opera was last given here, and by S. H. Kent, who did up "Perez" so well.

Peacham has a musical convention next week, under Mr. Dudley's direction.

The Monarch Banjo and Guitar Club and Mrs. Frost, reader, appear at West Burke tomorrow evening.

A PROPOSITION.

LOOKING TOWARD A BETTER WATER SUPPLY.

Something for St. Johnsbury Village to Think about and Act Upon.

Last week the CALEDONIAN indicated that the trustees were considering a proposition made to them with a view to ensuring an ample supply of water for domestic and fire purposes, and that the people of the village would be given an opportunity to examine into the details of the plan and decide whether it should be accepted or rejected.

The trustees have just issued a special report, explaining the proposition referred to and putting it into shape for intelligent consideration by the tax payers. They say that the present water system plant of the village was installed in 1876, at a cost of about \$83,000, and that at that time the Passumpsic river water was in a reasonably pure condition. For some years past, however, the plant has been a source of considerable anxiety, and at times the only supply that the village had was what was turned into its pipes by the Aqueduct Company. In 1892 the trustees felt that improvements could not be further delayed, and extensive repairs were made, including the setting up of a steam pump and a Jewell filter, at a large expense. Since the village system was put in the population has increased, by natural growth and the addition of Summerville, from 3500 to 6000, and the water mains, which were formerly of adequate size, are now too small in many places, while Summerville has no village water whatever.

Reference is made in the report to the serious problems presented by the recent outbreak of typhoid fever, and the trustees then go on to show that the present village water system is not equal to the demand, and that to make it efficient as to quantity and distribution would require an outlay of at least \$45,000. With a view to securing an ample supply of good water, surveys were made from Joe's pond in Danville and from Goss Hollow brook; but the former method was estimated to cost \$188,378, and the Goss Hollow brook plan \$100,273.

Reference is made also to the plant of the St. Johnsbury Aqueduct Company, which is said to be considerably broken down and in need of repairs. It was estimated that the amount of water filtered at Stiles pond is from 250,000 to 300,000 gallons per day, and that the average amount which ran to waste at that point was 578,000 gallons per day; and that, shutting off the waste, the supply from that pond could be brought up to 500,000 gallons per day. It is practicable to so raise the dam there as to give a storage capacity of 100,000,000 gallons, which would ensure a never-failing supply.

The Aqueduct Company make a proposition which is to be presented in full at a special village meeting called for March 5, at 2 p. m. The salient features of that proposition are as follows:

1st. The Aqueduct company are to construct an efficient system of water works, essentially as per the plan prepared by their engineer, and consisting of a dam and filter plant at Stiles pond, a reservoir located at some suitable point near the village, a conduit from Stiles pond to the reservoir not less than 10 inches in diameter, and a system of force and distribution mains varying in diameter from 16 inches to not less than 4 inches, laid through the settled portion of the village. To these mains are to be connected within the village limits 130 fire hydrants, with not less than 6 inch connections, additional hydrants to be added at the request of the village on a pro rata basis of the rental paid for the 130. The company are to maintain a constant supply of water at the hydrants, accidents excepted, of 60 pounds per square inch on Main street, and 305 pounds on Railroad street. By the plans referred to the Aqueduct company abandon all of their present mains and a large per cent. of the village mains. None of the village 4 inch mains will be used except on a few short cross streets. All of the present hydrants, about 80 in number, will be thrown out, as they have 4 inch connections.

2d. The village are to pay an annual rental of \$3000 for the 130 hydrants and for water for their own ordinary uses, such as watering troughs, sprinkling streets, flushing sewers, etc. In addition to this, they are to pay the taxes, if any are assessed upon the plant in the township of St. Johnsbury.

3d. The water company are to furnish such inhabitants of the village as shall apply water for ordinary domestic purposes, which is to be used with due

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